

## St. Joseph County Cloverbud Program: Animal Demonstration Program



The Cloverbud program in St. Joseph County is for youth 5-7 years old as of January 1, 2022. For 2022, the St. Joseph County Cloverbud program will have the opportunity to do still exhibits and to show a rabbit, horse, swine and goat. Please refer to page 75 of the Fair Premium Book for a full listing of Cloverbud classes. Below you will find specific rules and expectations for each animal class. These projects will be “exhibited in **non-competitive**, age-appropriate activities that are designed for this age group.”

As per the Michigan 4-H Youth Development 4-H Cloverbud Program Policy, all guidelines will be implemented to secure safety to the youth. Cloverbuds **do not** necessarily need to own the animal they choose to exhibit. They may work with and/or borrow an animal that is owned by another older 4-H member. In the swine and goat projects, the Cloverbud **must** use an animal that is already being exhibited at the fair by a 4-H member. If the Cloverbud does own the horse or rabbit he/she exhibits, that animal **will not be housed** at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair. It must be brought to the fairgrounds in an appropriate cage/trailer and then returned home following the specific show.

Also, per the state program policy, “If 4-H Cloverbud members are to have direct contact with an animal, the contact must take place with direct, one-on-one assistance from a responsible parent, guardian or adult volunteer. The parent, guardian or adult volunteer must be with or near the child at all times while the child is in contact with the animal.”

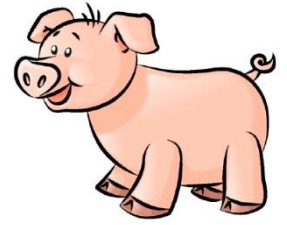
### RABBITS:

- A Cloverbud may exhibit one (1) rabbit at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
- If a Cloverbud brings their own rabbit to be shown, that rabbit will **not** be housed on grounds, but shall be checked in at a designated time on the day of the rabbit show at the designated location.
- The Cloverbud rabbit show will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022 immediately prior to the 4-H rabbit show. This will be an educational, NON-COMPETITIVE showmanship show with exhibitors receiving a Cloverbud participant ribbon.
- A Cloverbud may **not** sell their rabbit at the 4-H Livestock auction.
- The Cloverbud may participate using their own rabbit or an older 4-H member’s market or breeding stock rabbit that has been approved by the Rabbit Superintendent, Heather Teadt.
- All general guidelines regarding condition of animals will be followed as printed in the 2022 Fair book.
- The Cloverbud will have a one-on-one parent, guardian, or an adult volunteer while the child is in contact with the animal. A 4-H Rabbit Volunteer will be present at the table for each age group.
- The Cloverbud will have a one-on-one opportunity to meet with a Judge to discuss their project and answer age-appropriate questions about the project as determined by the Judge, Superintendent, or MSU Extension 4-H Program Coordinator.
- Cloverbuds will follow the same dress code as 4-H Rabbit exhibitors.



**SWINE:**

- The Cloverbud swine showmanship class is for an educational, activity-centered experience.
- Cloverbud class will be a NON-COMPETITIVE class and each Cloverbud will receive a Cloverbud participant ribbon.
- Cloverbud will team up with an Intermediate or Senior Swine exhibitor who will be a mentor and who is exhibiting at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
- Cloverbud **MUST** have their mentor with them during the showmanship class.
- Cloverbud must designate the 4-H swine project member who they will team up with by the designated fair entry date and entry form.
- All general guidelines regarding the Swine Showmanship class will apply to Cloverbuds as printed in the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair book.
- Cloverbuds will follow the same dress code as 4-H project swine exhibitors for the Cloverbud Showmanship class.
- Cloverbuds will show in one (1) showmanship class at the St. Joseph County Fair immediately following the 4-H market hog classes (before the Grand Drive) on Monday, September 19, 2022.
- Cloverbud may not participate or share in the 4-H auction.
- Any 4-H swine project animal may be used for the Cloverbud showmanship class with the permission of the 4-H exhibitor but must be approved by the Swine Cloverbud Coordinator, Virginia Trattles.



**GOATS:**

- Cloverbud goat showmanship class is for an educational, activity-centered experience.
- Cloverbud class will be a NON-COMPETITIVE class and each Cloverbud will receive a Cloverbud participant ribbon.
- Cloverbud will team up with an Intermediate or Senior goat exhibitor who will be a mentor and who is exhibiting at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
- Cloverbud **MUST** have their mentor with them during the showmanship class.
- Cloverbud must designate the 4-H goat project member who they will team up with by the designated fair entry date and entry form.
- All general guidelines regarding the Goat Showmanship class will apply to Cloverbuds as printed in the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair book.
- Cloverbuds will follow the same dress code as 4-H project goat exhibitors for the Cloverbud Showmanship class.
- Cloverbuds will show in one (1) showmanship class at the St. Joseph County Fair immediately following the 4-H Goat show on Monday, September 19, 2022.
- Cloverbud may not participate or share in the 4-H auction.
- Any 4-H goat project animal may be used for the Cloverbud showmanship class with the permission of the 4-H exhibitor but must be approved by the Goat Cloverbud Coordinator, Jessica Wood.



### **HORSES:**

- A Cloverbud may exhibit a maximum of three (3) horse at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
- A Cloverbud may show in only five (5) classes maximum – walk or walk/trot class only: Showmanship, Equitation, Gymkhana, Driving or Costume class.
- Cloverbud horse classes are for educational, activity-centered experiences.
- All Cloverbud classes will be NON-COMPETITIVE classes and each Cloverbud will receive a Cloverbud participant ribbon.
- If a Cloverbud brings their own horse to be shown, that horse will NOT be housed on grounds, but shall be checked in at a designated time on the day of the horse show at the designated location.
- All project animals and Cloverbud members must be approved by either the Cloverbud specialty leader or their club leader. This approval must be turned in to the Cloverbud specialty leader, Katie Staples, by August 1, 2022. For driving, Cloverbud **must** be approved by the driving specialty leader, Bobbi Jo Newland and turned in by August 1, 2022.
- Cloverbud horse project exhibitors MUST wear ASTM-or SEI- approved helmets for all horse experiences as per the Michigan State University Youth Program 4-H Cloverbud program policy.
- All Cloverbud horse project participants must be directly assisted one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer who is on the ground as opposed to being mounted on another horse holding the animal's halter or lead to maximize safety.
- For driving, a parent, guardian, or adult **must** be seated in the cart with the Cloverbud member.
- All project animals must have appropriate papers and follow the same check-in procedure as other 4-H project animals. (i.e. Coggins test)



### **Showmanship:**

- ★ There will be one (1) Cloverbud showmanship class held. This class will take place immediately after the champion showmanship class on Sunday, September 18, 2022.
- ★ In lead line showmanship, the Cloverbud will have a one-on-one parent, guardian, or an adult volunteer stand close enough to assist the Cloverbud if an issue arises.
- ★ Cloverbuds will complete the pattern of walk to the judge, set up for inspection, complete a 180 degree turn and trot back to line. It is our hope that by knowing the pattern in advance, the Cloverbud will feel confident and successful in the ring.
- ★ Cloverbud horse participants will be required to wear an ASTM- or SEI- approved helmet and are required to follow the 4-H guidelines.

### **Equitation:**

- ★ There will be one (1) Cloverbud equitation class held. This class will take place immediately after the 4-H walk/trot equitation class on Monday, September 19, 2022.
- ★ Lead line equitation may be ridden in english, western, or gymkhana attire.
- ★ The class will walk both directions and must back up. The back can be done either on the right or left side.
- ★ For the equitation class, the Cloverbud will have a one-on-one parent, guardian, or an adult volunteer stand close enough to assist the Cloverbud if an issue arises.
- ★ Cloverbud horse participants will be required to wear an ASTM- or SEI- approved helmet and are required to follow the 4-H guidelines.

### **Gymkhana:**

- ★ There will be one (1) Cloverbud gymkhana class. This will take place as the first class prior to the 4-H gymkhana classes on Saturday, September 24, 2022.
- ★ Lead line gymkhana will consist of the flag pattern.
- ★ For the Gymkhana class, the Cloverbud will have a one-on-one parent, guardian, or an adult volunteer stand close enough to assist the Cloverbud if an issue arises.
- ★ Exhibitors may walk or trot upon approval of their leader or the cloverbud specialty leader.
- ★ Cloverbud horse participants will be required to wear an ASTM- or SEI- approved helmet and are required to follow the 4-H guidelines for gymkhana attire and equipment.